

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 9, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81883611876>

Meeting ID: 818 8361 1876 Password: 756967 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meetings: None Available
3. 6:32 **Public Comment Period:** Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:35 **Personnel Board**
Health Insurance
 - Discussion and anticipated vote regarding whether to commence the process to change health insurance benefits under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 21-23Police Department
 - Appoint Felix Morales to full-time Patrol Officer effective March 15, 2026, Grade P, Step 6 at \$30.94/hour including a \$10,000 sign-on bonus to be dispersed per contract.
 - Authorize phone stipend for Joshua Lemay, Patrol Officer, at the current rate of \$5.77 a week.Clean Water Facility
 - Appoint Jakob Bliven to Laborer/Operator effective 3/23/2026, Grade H, Step 2 at \$22.66/hour
5. 6:50 **Town Administrator's Business**
 - Review slate of Selectboard sponsored articles for Annual Town Meeting (non-financial)
 - Repeal and replace Personnel By-law
 - Authorize Community Electricity Aggregation Program
 - Accept local option G.L. c.138, §12D to allow conversion to all-alcohol licenses
 - Authorize Right-of-Way acquisitions for North Leverett Road Bridge Replacement
 - Authorize Right-of-Way acquisitions for Industrial Boulevard/ Millers Falls Road Intersection Improvements
 - Bonding authority for proposed library
 - Authorize acquisition of lot F (Second Street Public Parking Lot) from Montague EDIC to support proposed Library
 - Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting period

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6. 7:05 Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation involving Laurel Realty Trust relating to Parcel ID 22-0-12, as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town of Montague.

Next Meetings:

Capital Improvements and Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 3/11/2026 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30pm via ZOOM

Selectboard and Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 6:00pm via Zoom